

Dear California Coastal Commission's,

My name is Carvel Tefft , I am 13, and I'm a student at Piedmont Middle School. Our class, green team, has been talking about climate change and we would like to take action. Climate change is a huge subject that has not been addressed for way too long, we may not be able to take huge steps but we can help take the small ones to slowly adapt to this so real crisis. These are some suggestions I have to help climate change and adapt to it.

One suggestion I have is to have design standard. That means to almost rebuild to make structures higher and stronger, it's an adaptation to a natural disaster that could happen due to climate change.

Another suggestion is to have soft protection. Soft protection is to give the beach more attention to try to prevent water raise from getting past the beach. Soft protection will help us start at the source and block off the very first step.

Another suggestion is to site and design. Thats a way to adapt to climate change by knowing where to place buildings and how. This will help protect buildings and houses from climate change.

My last suggestion is protection of eco logistically critical areas and refugia. That is specifically protecting the areas where animals that are on the verge of going extinct. We need to think about this and realize we aren't the only ones that will be affected by climate change.

Thank you if you have read this letter and considered my ideas.

Sincerely,  
Carvel Tefft